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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Hiroaki Sekizawa
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For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MONITORING THE STATE OF
A PLURALITY OF MACHINES CONNECTED VIA A
COMPUTER NETWORK

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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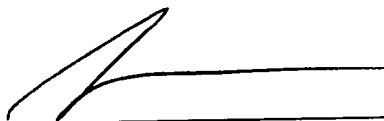
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In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and make the documents of record in the subject application.

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